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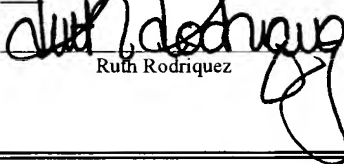
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of February 28, 2006 in which a five-way restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-9, 12 and 13, and possible claims 25 and 26) for continued prosecution in the above-identified application, with traverse.

According to the Examiner's purported characterization, the claim groups include:

- Group I. Claims 1-9, 12 and 13 drawn to inclusively obtaining representative text items.
- Group II. Claims 10, 11 and 27-29, drawn to exclusively obtaining representative text items.
- Group III. Claims 14-21, drawn to formulating context representations.

Group IV. Claims 22-24, drawn to determining an emphasis status of a text item.

Group V. Claims 25 and 26, drawn to generating text properties.

However, it is respectfully submitted that claims 25 and 26 (the alleged claim Group V) in fact incorporate all the steps of claim 1, and further describe additional features. Specifically, the incorporated steps, as characterized in claim 1, include (a) for each of the plurality of text items, identifying each of the plurality of attributes; (b) for each of the plurality of text items, assigning a weight to each of the plurality of attributes, wherein at least two of the plurality of attributes are assigned different weights; (c) for each of the plurality of text items, calculating an accumulated weight by accumulating the weight assigned to each of the plurality of attributes; and (d) ranking the plurality of text items based on the accumulated weight of each of the plurality of text items. Claim 25, in addition to the steps described in claim 1, further describes an additional step of determining properties of the active task, and that the weight is tunable based on the properties of the active task. Claim 26 depends on claim 25 and incorporates every limitation thereof. Accordingly, claims 25 and 26 and claims 1-9, 12 and 13 should be grouped together for the purpose of continued examination.

Applicants will file divisional applications to pursue claim Groups II-IV.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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